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SUBJ: LABOR MINISTER'S IMPRESSIONS OF THE ILO

REF: CARACAS 6034

VENEZUELAN LABOR MINISTER JOSE MANZO GONZALEZ ATTENDED THE CHARGE'S INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION. MANZO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM GENEVA WHERE HE LED THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION TO THE ILO ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE. MANZO TOLD THE LABOR ATTACHE THAT HE FOUND THE ILO MEETINGS "POSITIVE" AND THE HE FELT THAT REAL PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN RETURNING THE ILO TO ITS PROPER STATUS AS A TRIPARTITE TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF WORKING PEOPLE. MANZO ADMITTED THAT "EXTRANEIOUS POLITICAL ISSUES WHICH OUGHT TO BE TREATED IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA LIKE THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR THE CIEC MEETINGS IN PARIS" HAD OCCASIONALLY INTERFERED WITH THE PLENARY SESSIONS BUT THAT THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS WERE PURELY TECHNICAL AND VERY USEFUL. MANZO HIMSELF IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN UPGRADING THE WORK ENVIRONMENT AND SPENT MUCH TIME ATTENDING SESSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AT GENEVA. MANZO WAS PARTICULARLY ELOQUENT IN ARTICULATING THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY THE ILO IN ASSISTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND STRESSED THAT THE GOV CONSIDERS US MEMBERSHIP IN THE ILO TO BE INDISPENSABLE TO THAT ORGANIZATION'S CONTINUED SUCCESS.

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COMMENT: MANZO TURNED THE FULL FORCE OF HIS CONSIDERABLE CHARM ON BOTH THE CHARGE AND THE LABOR ATTACHE AT THE INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION APPARENTLY DETERMINED TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME IN ESTABLISHING A REPUTATION FOR FRIENDLINESS, OPENNESS, AND RELIABILITY WITH THE AMERICANS. MOST OF WHAT HE SAID ABOUT THE ILO SOUNDED LIKE IT WAS LIFTED DIRECTLY FROM A US POSITION PAPER ON THE SUBJECT. THE US REPRESENTATIONS REPORTED REF SEEM TO HAVE LANDED ON FERTILE GROUND IN VENEZUELA UNDERLINING VENEZUELA'S STATUS AS A PRIME TARGET FOR USG ATTENTION IF IT IS DECIDED TO EXPAND THE INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN FOR SUPPORT IN THE ILO BEYOND THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES.

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